

\ Please amend Paragraph 18 (page 4, lines 3-9) as follows:

β² [0018] --Although those skilled in the art recognize that a plurality of belts may be used, this description refers to a single belt for discussion purposes. The belt 26 preferably includes a plurality of steel cords each having a plurality of strands. As can be appreciated from Figures 7 and 8, the belt 26 in one example has a generally rectangular cross-sectional area of nonferromagnetic insulator material, such as polyurethane, 12 surrounding a plurality of generally uniformly distributed steel ropes 14, each consisting of a plurality of cords 15. As illustrated in Figure 8, each cord 15 comprises a plurality of strands 16. Each strand 16 is made up of a plurality of steel wires 17. Sheaves 28 and 30 guide the belt along a chosen path to move the cab 22 between the various landings. A conventional drive mechanism 32 is associated with the sheave 30 to drive the belt and move the elevator components as desired. The counterweight 24 and cab 22 move within a hoistway (illustrated in phantom at 34) in a conventional manner.

\ Please amend paragraph 20 (page 4, line 19) as follows:

β³ [0020] The inspection device 40 preferably utilizes the magnetic flux or electrical resistance measurement techniques disclosed in United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/280,637 (Attorney Docket OT-4465), titled, "Method and Apparatus For Detecting Elevator Rope Degradation Using Electrical Or Magnetic Energy," which was filed on March 29, 1999. The teachings of that specification are incorporated into this description by reference. Such devices provide the ability to inspect rope components that are not viewable, such as in the case of compound ropes or belts including flat ropes